



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: April 7, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Engineering Division, Public Works Department
Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department
Golf Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Rejection Of Santa Barbara Golf Club Safety Plan Implementation
And Upper Las Positas Storm Water Improvement Project Bids

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council reject the bids for construction of the Santa Barbara Golf Club Safety Plan Implementation and Upper Las Positas Storm Water Improvement Project, Bid No. 3463A, and direct staff to re-bid the project.

DISCUSSION:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Golf Course Safety Plan Implementation Project and the Las Positas Creek Storm Water Improvement Project were combined and bid together to take advantage of the synergies of a more financially attractive project, reduced contractor mobilization vs. bidding the projects separately, and reduced construction interruptions to play time at the golf course.

The Santa Barbara Golf Club, a city-owned open space, is a major confluence for storm water and urban runoff from the neighboring areas of San Jose Road, Samarkand, and Adams Elementary School, and is an ideal place to treat water prior to entering the creek system.

The safety plan work completes the network of cart paths throughout the golf course, relocates two greens complexes to create a larger buffer between active areas of play, and improves visibility. The storm water improvement work consists of constructing a series of bioswales and urban and storm water runoff detention systems to detain and filter polluted storm water and incidental urban runoff. This project will improve the quality of water entering Las Positas Creek and the Arroyo Burro Estuary. It will also reduce downstream flow rates and decrease erosion in Las Positas Creek.

CONTRACT BIDS

A total of five bids were received for the subject work, ranging as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
1. Elevation Engineering (Elevation) Santa Maria, CA	\$1,700,000.00 *
2. Belaire West Landscape (Belaire) Buena Park, CA	\$1,884,496.75 **
3. Granite Construction Incorporated (Granite) Watsonville, CA	\$2,558,723.00 **
4. Earth Sculptures, Incorporated (Earth Sculptures) Indio, CA	\$2,700,148.10 **
5. Key Turf Construction, Incorporated (Key Turf) San Marcos, CA	\$2,967,017.90 **

* written bid amount

**corrected bid total

The apparent low bid, submitted by Elevation, has been determined to be non-responsive. The specifications state that the bid will be the sum of the total prices of all the items in the bid schedule. Elevation provided unit pricing, but did not complete the multiplication with the estimated quantity, or give the sum the total of all the items in the bid schedule. Using the estimated quantities and the unit prices provided, Elevation's bid would total \$2,419,738.50, or \$719,738.50 more that their written amount. This is a material mistake which would generally allow them to withdraw their bid, providing them an unfair advantage. Based on this material mistake and other potential omissions, staff recommends that Council reject Elevation's bid.

The second apparent low bid, submitted by Belaire, has been determined to be non-responsive. The specifications state that the bidder shall possess a valid contractor's license issued by the Contractor's State License Board at the time the bid is submitted. Belaire's license is currently under suspension. Based on this, staff recommends that Council reject Belaire's bid.

The third apparent low bid, submitted by Granite, has been determined to be non-responsive. Granite did not provide experience statements showing that they were the prime contractor for three golf course construction contracts, within the past five years at the time of bid, as required in the specifications. In addition, Granite did not complete the proposed equipment and material manufacturer's form. Based on these material mistakes, staff recommends that Council reject Granite's bid.

The fourth and fifth apparent low bids, submitted by Earth Sculptures and Key Turf, were determined to be non-responsive. Neither company complied with the self-performance standards that the contractor perform at least 50% of the work as listed in the Greenbook. Based on this, staff recommends that Council reject both Earth Sculpture's and Key Turf's bids.

The City reserves the right to reject all bids (Charter Section 519), and due to the non-responsive nature of all bids received, the Parks and Recreation Creeks and Golf Divisions, and the Public Works Engineering Division, recommend that Council reject all bids. Minor revisions will be made to the project specifications to clarify the tolerances of acceptable work, and the project will be promptly re-bid with the goal of completing construction prior to the upcoming rainy season.

FUNDING

The golf course safety portion of the project is funded by the Golf Course Improvement Plans' Capital Fund. There are sufficient funds in the Golf Course Improvement Plan's Capital Fund to cover the costs of this portion of the project.

The storm water improvement portion of the project is funded by the Creek Restoration/Water Quality Improvement Capital Fund and Creeks Reserve Fund. The Creeks Advisory Committee has recommended that reserve fund money be appropriated if necessary for the construction of the project. In addition, the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project has granted \$20,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department to cover a portion of the cost for a rain garden, bioswale, and educational outreach at the Adams Elementary School for this project. This grant was accepted by Council at its August 12, 2008 meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Controlling the quality and amount of urban runoff from developed areas within the City is critical for both the protection of water quality in the City and reduction of flood risks. This project will minimize and treat polluted runoff from urbanized landscapes, and improve water quality in the creeks and ocean using natural biological systems; thereby, reducing maintenance and energy costs often associated with water quality treatment systems.

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